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For: **GENES RESPONSIBLE FOR  
VERNALIZATION REGULATION IN  
TEMPERATE GRASSES AND USES  
THEREOF**

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Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION****INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated October 3, 2006 (Paper No. 20060926) for which a response was due on January 3, 2007. Filed herewith is a *Petition* and fee for a three month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for the response to April 3, 2007. Also enclosed is a Request for Continued Examination. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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